



# MINUTES

## Ordinary Council Meeting

13 August 2024



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**MINUTES OF GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, 184 - 194 BOURKE STREET,  
GOULBURN  
ON TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2024 AT 6:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Walker, Deputy Mayor Steve Ruddell, Cr Andrew Banfield, Cr Carol James OAM, Cr Bob Kirk, Cr Michael Prevedello, Cr Daniel Strickland, Cr Jason Shepherd & Cr Andy Wood.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Aaron Johansson (Chief Executive Officer), Scott Martin (Director Planning & Environment), Brendan Hollands (Director Corporate and Community Services), George Angelis (Director Assets & Operations), Marina Hollands (Director Utilities) & Shae Aliffi (Executive Support Officer).

**1 OPENING MEETING**

Mayor Peter Walker opened the meeting 6pm. The Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast live.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Mayor Peter Walker made the following acknowledgement.

“I would like to Acknowledge and pay our respects to the Aboriginal elders both past and present as well as emerging leaders, and Acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Land on which we meet today.”

**3 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION AND/OR PRAYER**

The opening declared was read by Cr Daniel Strickland.

**4 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**5 APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

Nil

**6 ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

Nil

**7 LATE ITEMS / URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

## **8 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cr Andrew Banfield declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 16.3 “Tender 2324T0015 Mountain Ash Road Batter Slip” as he is an employee of Denrith Group of Companies. Cr Andrew Banfield’s brother-in-law is also a Director of the Denrith Group of Companies. Cr Andrew Banfield will leave the meeting while discussions and voting on this item takes place.

Cr Peter Walker declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest in Item 16.14 “Civic and Ceremonial duties”. Cr Peter Walker will remain in the meeting while discussions on this item takes place.

Cr Steven Ruddell declared a non-pecuniary/significant conflict of interest in Item 16.9 “Request for Financial Assistance – Rotary Club Goulburn” as he is an immediate past president member of the Rotary Club of Goulburn. Cr Steven Ruddell will leave the meeting while discussion on this item takes place

Cr Carol James OAM declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest in Item 16.9 “Request for Financial Assistance – Rotary Club of Goulburn” as she is a member of the Rotary Club of Goulburn. As the disclosure was not of a significant nature Cr Carol James OAM remained in the meeting while discussion

## **9 PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Peter Walker made a presentation to Cr Andrew Banfield thanking him for his 16 years of service to the Goulburn Mulwaree Council as he is not stand for Council at the elections.

## **10 PUBLIC FORUM**

Adrian Beresford-Wylie addressed Council on Item 16.1 Community Participation Plan - Post Exhibition Report.

## **11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **11.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 16 JULY 2024**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024/147**

**Moved: Cr Steven Ruddell**  
**Seconded: Cr Jason Shepherd**

**That the Council minutes from Tuesday 16 July 2024 and contained in Minutes Pages No 1 to 20 inclusive and in Minute Nos 2024/122 to 2024/146 inclusive be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

## **12 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**

Nil

**13 NOTICE OF MOTION(S)****13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ADVOCACY FOR PIG BOUNTY AND FOX, WILD DOG & FERAL CAT BOUNTY****RESOLUTION 2024/148****Moved: Cr Andy Wood****Seconded: Cr Andrew Banfield****That:**

- 1. Council recognise the irreparable damage to pastures, water courses and native habitats made by the current plague proportions of feral pigs.**
- 2. Council recognise the enormous and multigenerational cost that foxes, feral cats and wild dogs create for farmers and land holders in their predation of stock and native wildlife.**
- 3. Council advocate to the NSW Government for a pig bounty to help manage the cost of removing feral pigs from farms with the LGA and the state at large and encourage farmers, professional shooters and conservation hunters to target them.**
- 4. Council advocate to the NSW Government for a fox, feral cat and wild dog bounty to help manage the cost destroying these threats to stock and native wildlife in the LGA and the state at large and encourage farmers, professional shooters and conservation hunters to target them.**

**CARRIED**

**In Favour:** Crs Andrew Banfield, Carol James OAM, Michael Prevedello, Steven Ruddell, Daniel Strickland, Peter Walker and Andy Wood

**Against:** Crs Bob Kirk and Jason Shepherd

**13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - REGIONAL RECREATIONAL FISHING STRATEGY****RESOLUTION 2024/149****Moved: Cr Andy Wood****Seconded: Cr Steven Ruddell****That:**

- 1. Council make provision in the 2025-2029 Delivery Plan for the inclusion of a Regional Recreational Fishing Strategy.**
- 2. This Regional Recreational Fishing Strategy is to be funded from external funding sources including the State and Federal Government and other potential funding sources to develop the strategy.**

**CARRIED****14 NOTICE OF RESCISSION(S)**

Nil

**15 REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DETERMINATION****RESOLUTION 2024/150****Moved: Cr Andrew Banfield****Seconded: Cr Bob Kirk****Council moved into Committee of the Whole.****CARRIED**

Council moved into Committee of the Whole at 6.45pm.

**RESOLUTION 2024/151****Moved: Cr Andrew Banfield****Seconded: Cr Daniel Strickland****That Council move back into Open Council.****CARRIED**

Council moved back into Open Council at 6:54 pm.

**15.1 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN - POST EXHIBITION REPORT****RESOLUTION 2024/152****Moved: Cr Andrew Banfield****Seconded: Cr Daniel Strickland****That:**

- 1. The staff post exhibition report on administrative updates to the *Community Participation Plan* be received.**
- 2. Council adopts the amended Community Participation Plan in Attachment 2 to this report.**
- 3. Council publishes the adopted plan on its web site and on the NSW Planning Portal.**

**CARRIED**

**15.2 2324T0014 BRIDGES FOR EASTGROVE AND SOUTH GOULBURN**

**RESOLUTION 2024/153**

**Moved: Cr Andrew Banfield**

**Seconded: Cr Steven Ruddell**

**That:**

1. The report from the Business Manager Community Facilities on Tender 2324T0014 Bridges for Eastgrove and South Goulburn be received.
2. The tender from Edwards Constructions Pty Ltd is accepted in accordance with the specification and documents for Tender 2324T0014 Bridges for Eastgrove and South Goulburn for the lump sum price of \$1,194,766.36 (GST Exclusive)
3. Council reallocates additional funding to the Eastgrove South Shared Path Project to enable the construction of the pedestrian bridge, with any unspent funds to be redistributed back to the original projects:
 

- 190172 Footpath Replacement	\$200,000
- 190103 Guardrail Replacement	\$150,000
- 190264 Kerb and Gutter Replacement	\$225,000
- 190114 Urban Resealing	\$25,000

**CARRIED**

**15.3 2324T0015 MOUNTAIN ASH ROAD BATTER SLIP**

Cr Andrew Banfield declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting on the matter.

At 7:02 pm, Cr Andrew Banfield left the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2024/154**

**Moved: Cr Jason Shepherd**

**Seconded: Cr Carol James OAM**

**That:**

1. The report from the Natural Disaster Coordinator on the Tender 2324T0015 for Mountain Ash Road Natural Disaster Restoration Works be received.
2. The Tender from Denrith Pty Ltd for \$816,687.00 (GST Inclusive) is accepted in accordance with the specification and tender documents for 2324T0015.

**CARRIED**

At 7:04 pm, Cr Andrew Banfield returned to the meeting.

**15.4 2324T0016 KENMORE HOSPITAL SPS ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION**

**RESOLUTION 2024/155**

**Moved: Cr Steven Ruddell  
Seconded:Cr Andrew Banfield**

**That:**

- 1. The report from the Director Utilities on the Kenmore Hospital SPS Electrical Installation Tender 2324T0016 be received.**
- 2. The tender from Complete Power is accepted for the Kenmore Hospital SPS Electrical installation for the lump sum of \$255,970 (GST Inclusive), in accordance with the specification and documents for Tender 2324T0016.**

**CARRIED**

**15.5 TRIBE BREWERIES SECTION 64 DEVELOPER CHARGES ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24**

**RESOLUTION 2024/156**

**Moved: Cr Andy Wood  
Seconded:Cr Andrew Banfield**

**That the report from the Director Utilities on the Tribe Breweries Section 64 Developer Charges Annual Report 2023/24 be received.**

**CARRIED**

**15.6 STATUS UPDATES - STATE OF OUR REGION REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2024/157**

**Moved: Cr Andrew Banfield  
Seconded:Cr Carol James OAM**

**That**

- 1. The report from the Director Corporate & Community Services on the Status Updates – State of our Region Report be received.**
- 2. The Council note the status updates provided for inclusion in the State of our Region Report.**

**CARRIED**

**15.7 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT****RESOLUTION 2024/158**

**Moved: Cr Jason Shepherd**  
**Seconded: Cr Daniel Strickland**

**That**

- 1. The report Review of Council's Code of Conduct by the Business Manager Governance be received.**
- 2. The reviewed Code of Conduct be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**15.8 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - LIONS CLUB OF MARULAN & DISTRICT INC.****RESOLUTION 2024/159**

**Moved: Cr Peter Walker**  
**Seconded: Cr Daniel Strickland**

**That**

- 1. The report of the Director of Corporate & Community Services on a Request for Financial Assistance from the Lions Club of Marulan & District Inc. be received.**
- 2. Council approve a contribution of \$1,755.00 to Lions Club of Marulan & District Inc. in the form of a 50% fee waiver for the hire of Marulan Hall for their 2024/25 activities funded from the Financial Assistance budget.**

**CARRIED**

**15.9 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - ROTARY CLUB OF GOULBURN**

Cr Steven Ruddell declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting on the matter.

At 7:24 pm, Cr Steven Ruddell left the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2024/160**

**Moved: Cr Peter Walker**  
**Seconded: Cr Andrew Banfield**

**That**

- 1. The report from the Director Corporate & Community Services on the Request for Financial Assistance – Rotary Club of Goulburn be received.**
- 2. Council provides in-kind support of \$1,330.00 (inc. GST), representing 50% of the quoted fees for the use of the Peden Pavilion at the Recreation Area and 100% of the amenity cleaning fees to be funded via transfer from the Financial Assistance and Reduction or Waiver of Council Fees & Charges Policy budget.**

**CARRIED**

At 7:25 pm, Cr Steven Ruddell returned to the meeting.

**15.10 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - GOULBURN DISTRICT HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

**RESOLUTION 2024/161**

**Moved: Cr Peter Walker  
Seconded:Cr Carol James OAM**

**That**

- 1. The report of the Director of Corporate & Community Services on a Request for Financial Assistance from the Goulburn District Historical & Genealogical Society Inc. be received.**
- 2. Council approves a cash donation of \$1,500 to the Goulburn District Historical & Genealogical Society for the Bicentennial Commemoration of the 1824 Hume and Hovell Expedition to be paid from the Financial Assistance, Reduction or Waiver of Council Fees & Charges budget.**

**CARRIED**

**15.11 BUDGET CARRY-OVERS**

**RESOLUTION 2024/162**

**Moved: Cr Michael Prevedello  
Seconded:Cr Bob Kirk**

**That**

- 1. The report by the Director Corporate & Community Services on the Budget Carry-overs be received**
- 2. Council approve carry-overs of unspent project funds up to the maximum amounts (totalling \$30,750,085) reflected in the table in Attachment One.**
- 3. Council approve the adjustments to the 2023/24 budget as listed in Attachment Two required to account for the carrying over of these projects**
- 4. Council approve the adjustments to the 2024/25 budget as listed in Attachment Three required to incorporate the carried over projects into the budget**

**CARRIED**

**15.12 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2024/163**

**Moved: Cr Bob Kirk  
Seconded:Cr Michael Prevedello**

**That the report by the Director Corporate & Community Services on the Monthly Financial Report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**15.13 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS & BANK BALANCES****RESOLUTION 2024/164****Moved: Cr Bob Kirk****Seconded: Cr Michael Prevedello****That the report on the Statement of Investments and Bank Balances be noted.****CARRIED****15.14 CIVIC AND CEREMONIAL MAYORAL DUTIES****RESOLUTION 2024/165****Moved: Cr Daniel Strickland****Seconded: Cr Carol James OAM****That**

- 1. The report of the Chief Executive Officer on Civic and Ceremonial Mayoral Duties be received.**
- 2. Council delegate to Peter Walker the authority to represent the Council at civic functions from 14 September 2024 to 15 October 2024 whilst there is no Councillor holding Civic Office.**

**CARRIED****15.15 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/166****Moved: Cr Steven Ruddell****Seconded: Cr Andy Wood****That the report from Chief Executive Officer in regard to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) minutes from Thursday 27 June 2024 be received.****CARRIED**

**16 CLOSED SESSION**

Council must resolve to move into Closed Session to deal with any items under s10 *Local Government Act 1993*.

**RESOLUTION 2024/167**

Moved: Cr Andy Wood

Seconded: Cr Michael Prevedello

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

**16.1 Minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Panel Meeting held on 30 July 2024**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

**CARRIED**

Council resolved into Closed Session at 7.30pm.

Council resolved into Open Council at 7.45pm.

**RESOLUTION 2024/168**

Moved: Cr Carol James OAM

Seconded: Cr Bob Kirk

1. That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.
2. That the resolutions of the Closed Session meeting which were submitted to Closed Session in accordance with s10A Local Government Act 1993 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**16.1 MINUTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2024****RESOLUTION 2024/169**

Moved: Cr Michael Prevedello

Seconded: Cr Daniel Strickland

That:

- A. The report from Mayor Peter Walker on the Chief Executive Officer's Annual Performance Review for 2023/24 be noted.
- B. In line with the *Remuneration and Reward Section* of the *Guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers 2022* the Chief Executive Officer is to receive a discretionary salary increase of 3.75% for the balance of the Contract of Employment. This increase is in line with the 2024 NSW Local Government Award increase and bonus and reflects the above satisfactory performance appraisal for 2023/24.

**CARRIED**

**17 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

**The Meeting closed at 7.50pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 November 2024.**

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**Cr Peter Walker**  
**Mayor**

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**Aaron Johansson**  
**Chief Executive Officer**